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OHIO

WEEKLY CROP - PROGRESS SUMMARY

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OHIO CROP-WEATHER HIGHLIGHTS

The average temperature for the state was 54.8 degrees, 7.3 degrees above normal for the week ending Sunday, April 14. Precipitation averaged 1.33 inches, 0.44 inches above normal. Growing degree days were 23 points above normal.

Reporters rated 2.2 days suitable for fieldwork during the seven day period ending Friday, April 12. This is 0.4 days more than last year but 0.1 days less than the 1997-01 average. Topsoil moisture was rated 0 percent very short, 4 percent short, 63 percent adequate, and 33 percent surplus.

Days Suitable

	Current week	Previous week	Since 1 st week of April
2002	2.2	1.3	4.1
2001	1.8	5.0	10.8
1997-2001 Average	2.3	4.1	10.4

Topsoil Moisture

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
Current Week	0	4	63	33
Last Week	0	2	53	45
Same Week Last Year	0	2	48	50
1997-2001 Average	1	4	58	37

FIELD ACTIVITIES AND CROP PROGRESS WEEK ENDING SUNDAY APRIL 14

Reporters estimated that **Winter Wheat** is 13 percent jointed, this is one day ahead of last year’s schedule but six days behind the 1997-01 average. Twelve percent of the **Oat** crop has been planted. This is 12 days behind last year and 14 days behind of the five year average. Respondents

estimate that about two percent of oats have emerged. This is seven days behind last year and nine days behind of the 1997-01 average. **Tobacco** growers have 53 percent of their tobacco beds seeded, this is five days behind last year’s percent of tobacco beds seeded. Twenty-eight percent of tobacco beds have visible growth. This is six days behind last year. Respondents estimate that two percent of the **Corn** crop is planted, this is four days behind last year, and four days behind the 1997-01 average. Approximately four percent of the **Potato** crop has been planted. This is eight days behind last year, and eight days behind the five year average.

Apples are 30 percent in green tip, compared to 59 percent in green tip last year. **Peaches** are 39 percent in green tip and 13 percent in full bloom, compared to 56 and 13 percent in 2001.

Soils are still too wet to do much field work over much of the state. Some tillage, fertilizer, and chemical applications in areas where fields are not too wet for equipment. Preparing equipment for field work, cleaning fence rows, building fences, cleaning and maintenance on grain storage facilities, culling dairy cows, planting oat, corn, and some soybeans, Christmas tree planting, and hauling manure. Finishing maple syrup boiling in Crawford County area. Asian ladybugs nuisance in Southern Ohio.

CROP AND LIVESTOCK CONDITIONS

Reporters rated 63 percent of the winter wheat crop in good to excellent condition. Pasture conditions were rated 57 percent in the good to excellent condition. Some reporters mentioned that pastures are starting to green up nicely, but northeast pastures are still very wet. Pastures in most areas are still to wet and growth is just beginning to improve.

Livestock conditions were reported 79 percent good to excellent. Spring Lambing and calving are continuing. Producers are stating that the livestock is doing well.

PERCENT PROGRESS OF CROPS FOR THE WEEK ENDING SUNDAY APRIL 14

Crop	2002	2001	1997-01 Average	Previous Week	
				Ohio	U.S.
Corn planted	2	3	3	1	2
Oats planted	12	44	50	11	9
Oats emerged	2	16	16	1	NA
Potatoes planted	4	7	12	2	NA
Tobacco beds seeded	53	66	NA	24	NA
Tobacco beds having plants up	28	35	NA	5	NA
Winter wheat jointed	13	12	23	6	NA

PERCENT CONDITION OF MAJOR CROPS FOR THE WEEK ENDING SUNDAY APRIL 14

APPLES	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Current Week	1	1	26	63	9
Previous Week	1	3	31	59	6
Previous Year	0	1	20	68	11
HAY	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Current Week	1	5	33	52	9
Previous Week	2	5	42	45	6
Previous Year	0	3	24	60	13
LIVESTOCK	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Current Week	0	1	20	68	11
Previous Week	0	2	20	69	9
Previous Year	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
PASTURE	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Current Week	1	9	33	50	7
Previous Week	3	10	39	43	5
Previous Year	0	4	25	56	15
PEACHES	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Current Week	1	3	31	56	9
Previous Week	1	4	38	51	6
Previous Year	0	1	24	63	12
WINTER WHEAT	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Current Week	2	7	28	54	9
Previous Week	3	7	31	50	9
Previous Year	1	4	21	57	17

WEATHER SUMMARY FOR THE WEEK ENDING SUNDAY APRIL 14

	Temperature		Precipitation				Growing Degree Days ^{1/}			
Region	Last Week	Dev.	Last Week	Dev.	Since Apr.1	Dev.	Last Week	Dev.	Since Apr.1	Dev.
Northwest	52.9	7.3	2.06	1.18	2.77	1.14	54	23	60	5
North Central	53.1	7.6	1.59	0.71	2.52	0.85	50	21	61	8
Northeast	52.7	8.3	0.91	0.03	1.86	0.09	51	23	62	10
West Central	54.3	6.9	2.17	1.27	2.91	1.12	57	21	73	7
Central	54.9	6.8	1.06	0.16	1.50	-0.32	66	25	86	12
Central Hills	54.1	7.9	1.14	0.22	1.96	0.11	57	23	72	9
Northeast Hills	54.1	7.4	0.84	-0.04	1.52	-0.27	57	21	71	4
Southwest	56.2	6.6	1.55	0.60	1.87	-0.04	66	21	87	6
South Central	58.0	7.6	0.87	0.14	1.27	-0.28	77	24	102	5
Southeast	56.2	7.5	0.95	0.07	1.27	-0.48	71	26	93	9
STATE	54.8	7.3	1.33	0.44	1.93	0.18	61	23	78	7

1/ Modified Growing degree days, base 50 - ceiling 86.

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